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SUBJECT: ASMARA SITREP AS OF 1500Z

1. THE SITUATION IN ASMARA CONTINUES TO BRIGHTEN AS THE COOPERATION FROM THE EPMG CONTINUES TO BE VERY GOOD. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, STILL SOME LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS.

2. PERSONNEL: ALL USG PERSONNEL ARE SECURE, AND ALL KAGNEW EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS WILL BE HOUSED ON TRACT ECHO TONIGHT. ALL AMERICAN CONGEN STAFF ARE REMAINING ABOARD CONGEN COMPOUND TO COMPLETE PACKING AND SANITATION OF THE CONSULATE. TWO CISCO EMPLOYEES ON LEAVE IN MASSAWA ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO ASMARA AT 0800 LOCAL.

3. PRIVATE AMCITS: ALL PRIVATE AMCITS HAVE DECLINED OFFER OF MILITARY AIRLIFT FROM ASMARA. ALL THESE PEOPLE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL, RELIGIOUS OR MORAL COMMITMENTS, AND WHILE SEVEN OF

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THE 13 ARE EXPECTING TO DEPART ASMARA WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO, IT WILL REQUIRE TIME TO CONCLUDE THEIR AFFAIRS HERE.

4. LOCAL EMPLOYEES: ALL CONGEN CONTRACT EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH EPMG LABOR LAWS; FSLES WILL RECEIVE SETTLEMENT FROM EMBASSY ADDIS. A COMMITMENT TO THIS EFFECT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE LOCAL MOFA. LIKewise A COMMITMENT WAS GIVEN

TO WORK THROUGH THE EMBASSY TO RESOLVE ALL SEVERANCE AND ENTITLEMENTS FOR KAGNEW EMPLOYEES. WITH EMBASSY CONCURRANCE, TWO FSLES WILL TRAVEL TO ADDIS NEXT WEEK TO ASSIST IN SETTling CONGEN ACCOUNTS, AND WITH EPMG AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, TWO SENIOR FSLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE FROM THE FORMER CONGEN TO RECEIVE BILLS AND DISTRIBUTE PAYMENTS.

5. TRANSPORTATION: NEW ANTICIPATE TWO C-141 FLIGHTS FOR TRANSPORT OF 44 USG PERSONNEL AND 5 NON-AMCIT USG DEPENDENTS, USG EQUIPMENT FROM CONGEN AND KAGNEW, AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. WE WILL PROVIDE BEST ESTIMATE OF WEIGHT OF OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE PROPERTY SOONEST. CHAIRMAN OF EPMG CLOSEOUT COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO ARRANGE ADDITIONAL SECURITY APPROX. HALD HOUR PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF C-141 FLIGHTS. EPMG SECURITY WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FROM ASSEMBLY POINT (TRACT ECHO) TO AIRPORT. SCHEDULE FOR MOVEMENT FROM CONGEN TO ECHO TO AIRPORT WILL BE ESTABLISHED SOONEST.

6. PROPERTY: ALMOST ALL OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE PROPERTY HAS BEEN PACKED AND SEALED; THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH MINIMAL INSPECTION AT KAGNEW AND NONE AT CONGEN. REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE PACKED TONIGHT AND SEALED TOMORROW.

7. SMALL ARMS: CONGEN HAS PACKED AND HAS SEALED ALL 38S, 357 REVOLVERS AND TWO UZIS. AT REQUEST OF EPMG COMMITTEE REP., SIX OLD 45 AUTOMATICS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO EPMG AND WILL OBTAIN RECEIPTS.
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